

Remarks

Claims 14-35 are pending. Applicants thankfully acknowledge that claims 15, 24-28 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Please consider the following remarks.

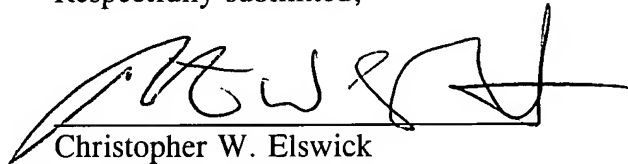
Double Patenting

Claims 14, 16-23, 29, 30 and 32-35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 or U.S. Patent No. 6,649,048. The undersigned attorney submits a Terminal Disclaimer to address the obviousness type double patenting rejections. By submitting the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants make no admission as to the appropriateness of the double patenting rejection.

Applicants believe this application is now in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required (including the fee for any extension of time), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct No.: 20-0809.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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